

# Independence

Beginning July 1, 2012

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Independence NHP  
143 S. Third Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106



During "Freedom Week" (July 1 - 4, 2012), Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Independence Visitor Center will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Independence Visitor Center..... 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening*

## Independence Square (Access to the "Square" is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

*Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening*

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required (no tickets are needed 5:00-7:00).**

**Free tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.**

Congress Hall..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters' Court

America's National Park Museum Shop..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters' Hall..... open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

## Franklin Court

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Museum Shop..... open Wednesday-Saturday..... 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

The City Tavern..... opens at 11:30 a.m.

Declaration House..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Free Quaker Meeting House..... 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday..... 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

open Saturday..... 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

open Sunday..... Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank..... 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The President's House Site Memorial..... 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Todd and Bishop White Houses..... ask at the IVC for tickets

## Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House..... open Friday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Wednesday-Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM..... open Wednesday-Sunday..... Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 8, 2012** - You are invited to join the staff of Independence National Historical Park to commemorate the 236th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. This free event begins at **11:30 AM** with an introduction by a park ranger and will be held just behind Independence Hall. Free copies of the Declaration of Independence be given out so that you can follow along and cheer or jeer. An American Sign Language interpreter will be interpreting the event for our hearing impaired visitors. (1 hour)



## Programs

Location	Time	Length	Program
Signer's Garden (5th and Chestnut Streets)	10:30	45 min	<b>Stories from the Past</b> (walking tour) Join a park ranger for a walking tour and hear about the people, both famous and forgotten, who played a role in establishing Philadelphia as the preeminent city of 18th century America.
	6:00	1 hour	<b>Twilight Tour</b> (walking tour) Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. No tour on July 3 & 4. <i>Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides.</i> <a href="http://friendsofindependence.org">friendsofindependence.org</a> .
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S.	11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30	20 min	<b>Bank Orientation Tour</b> - Meet at the Washington Statue for a tour of some of the notable people in the gallery.
	noon, 1:00, 2:00	20 min	<b>Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles</b> - Hear the amazing story of Moses Williams, who learned to operate the Physiognotrace to earn his freedom and a good living making silhouettes in Peale's Museum.
	4:00	45 min	<b>Stories of Struggle</b> - Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding
Declaration House	1:00, 2:00, 3:00	15 min	<b>Jefferson in Philadelphia</b> - Join a park ranger for a presentation about Thomas Jefferson's life in Philadelphia while he was writing the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
Franklin Court	2:30	45 min	<b>Dr. Franklin's Philadelphia</b> (walking tour) - meet at the Market St. entrance - Join a Park Ranger to hear about the many contributions of Benjamin Franklin to his city, his country and the world
New Hall Military Museum	2:00 & 3:30	20 min	<b>Barnacles &amp; Bullets</b> - Join a park ranger for a family friendly program about the life of an average soldier or sailor during the American revolution
Independence Visitor Center	4:00	10 min	<b>Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony</b> - A park ranger conducts a special ceremony for all the children who have completed our Junior Ranger booklet.
Independence Square	4:00 (Sat & Sun only)	30 min	<b>Independence Square and the American Civil War</b> - (Meet at the George Washington Statue)- 2011 to 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Independence Square played an important role during this conflict by becoming an important rallying point for the Union cause. Discover more by joining a park ranger for a walking tour highlighting this story.

**July 1 & 8 at 3:00** - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - **How We Celebrate** - Join a park ranger for a slide program that shows the 4<sup>th</sup> of July through the years from John Adam's letter about how it would be celebrated to Susan B. Anthony's speech on July 4, 1876, to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and beyond. (30 min)

**July 7 at 3:00** - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - **What Does it Mean?** - Join a park ranger for a slide program that discusses the historical background of the Declaration of Independence from the execution of Charles the First through the Enlightenment. (30 min)

**July 14-16 at 3:00** - Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - **Our Constitution** - To commemorate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Compromise (July 16, 1787), join a Park Ranger for a slide program about the Constitutional Convention, which George Washington later described as little short than a "miracle in Philadelphia." (45 min)